

Appln. No.: 10/626,421
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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 2, now cancelled. Claim 1 has further been amended to clarify that the slide is a separate structure from the lever and is moveable relative to the lever into and out of engagement with the tilt shoe.

The Examiner calls out reference numeral 28 in Yamaguchi as constituting the "slide". However, 28 is merely a slot formed in the lever 25 and is not moveable relative to the lever as now called for by claim 1. It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that claim 1 distinguishes Applicants' invention patentability over Yamaguchi and should be allowed.

Claim 3 was amended to depend on claim 1. The remaining claims depend ultimately, on claim 1 and are believed allowable. The dependent claims distinguish over their parent claim and one another by reciting Applicants' invention in greater detail.

It is believed that this application now is in condition for allowance. Further and favorable action is requested.


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Respectfully submitted,

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